IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 11 and 12 by rewriting same to read as follows, and cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

--11. (Twice Amended) A data processing method in an accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device for communicating with the accounting center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing accounting points in a first memory of the terminal device;

storing distributed information distributed from an external source in a second memory of the terminal device;

updating the accounting points stored in the first memory of the terminal device and updating attributes of the distributed information when the distributed information is stored in the second memory of the terminal device, wherein

when the distributed information is stored in the second memory of the terminal device the attributes of the distributed information are updated to an unavailable state, and

when the accounting points are updated correctly based on the distributed information the attributes of the distributed information are updated to an available state;

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and

carrying out an accounting processing in the accounting center based on the accounting points transmitted from the terminal device.

--12. (Twice Amended) A data processing method in an accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device capable of communicating with the accounting center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing accounting points in a first memory of the terminal device;

storing distributed information distributed from an external source in a second memory of the terminal device;

updating the accounting points stored in the first memory of the terminal device and updating attributes of the distributed information when the distributed information is stored in the second memory;

making a request for purchasing the accounting points to the accounting center and updating the accounting points stored in the first memory based on an accounting processing corresponding to the accounting points executed at the accounting center, wherein

when the distributed information is stored in the second memory of the terminal device the attributes of the

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distributed information are updated to an unavailable state, and

when the accounting points are not updated correctly based on the distributed information a request is made by the terminal device to the accounting center for purchasing the accounting points, the accounting points are updated in the terminal device and the attributes of the distributed information are updated to an available state; and

carrying out an other accounting processing in the accounting center based on the request for purchasing the accounting points transmitted from the terminal device.--